

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) Carbon nanotubes, which are directly grown over a carbon substrate, whose internal and external walls are uniformly doped with nano-sized metallic catalyst particles, wherein the carbon nanotubes include a main axis region with a terminal portion and a first portion, wherein the terminal portion is located on the main axis region opposite from the carbon substrate and the first portion is located between the terminal portion and the carbon substrate, and wherein ~~[[one]]~~ two or more branches branch out symmetrically around the main axis from the first portions to form branched carbon nanotubes.

2. (Original) The carbon nanotubes of claim 1, wherein the metallic catalyst particles are derived from at least one selected from the group consisting of Pt, Ru, Fe, Co, and alloys or mixtures of the forgoing elements.

3. (Original) The carbon nanotubes of claim 1, wherein the carbon substrate is carbon cloth or carbon paper.

4. (Previously Presented) The carbon nanotubes of claim 1, wherein the catalyst is selected to act as both a catalyst for carbon nanotube growth and as a fuel cell catalyst.

Claims 5-12 (Cancelled)

13. (Previously Presented) A fuel cell using the carbon nanotubes grown over the carbon substrate according to claim 1 for an electrode.

14. (Previously Presented) A fuel cell using the carbon nanotubes grown over the carbon substrate according to claim 2 for an electrode.

15. (Previously Presented) A fuel cell using the carbon nanotubes grown over the carbon substrate according to claim 3 for an electrode.

16. (Previously Presented) A fuel cell using the carbon nanotubes grown over the carbon substrate according to claim 4 for an electrode.

17-30. (Cancelled)

31. (Previously Presented) The carbon nanotubes of claim 1, wherein the internal and external walls of the carbon nanotubes are uniformly doped with nano-sized metallic catalyst particles to a degree of $0.3\text{-}5\text{ mg/cm}^2$.

32. (Currently Amended) The carbon nanotubes of claim 1, wherein the one or more branches comprise at least ~~[[two]]~~ three branches branching out from the first portion of the carbon nanotubes.

33. (Currently Amended) A branched carbon nanotube comprising:
a carbon nanotube main axis region comprising a first end portion, a
second end portion, and a middle portion between the first and second end portions;
and

[[one]] two or more branch regions branching out from the middle
portion of the main axis region without deviation of the main axis region.

34. (Previously Presented) The branched carbon nanotube of claim 33,
wherein the one or more branched regions comprise at least two branches branching
out from the middle portion of the main axis region.

35. (Previously Presented) The branched carbon nanotube of claim 33,
wherein internal and external walls of the branched carbon nanotubes are uniformly
doped with nano-sized metallic catalyst particles.

36. (Previously Presented) The branched carbon nanotube of claim 35,
wherein the doping is to a degree of 0.3-5 mg/cm².

37. (Currently Amended) A branched carbon nanotube comprising:
a main axis portion with two or more branch portions emanating from
the main axis portion without deviation in the main axis portion.

38. (Previously Presented) The branched carbon nanotube of claim 37, wherein at least one of the branch portions emanate from a non-terminal portion of the main axis portion.

39. (Previously Presented) The branched carbon nanotube of claim 37, wherein internal and external walls of the branched carbon nanotube is uniformly doped with nano-sized metallic catalyst particles.

40. (Previously Presented) The branched carbon nanotube of claim 39, wherein the doping is to a degree of $0.3\text{-}5\text{ mg/cm}^2$.

41. (Currently Amended) The branched carbon nanotube of claim 39, wherein the metallic catalyst particles are derived from at least one selected from the group consisting of Pt, Ru, Fe, Co, and alloys or mixtures of the forgoing elements.

42. (Currently Amended) The branched carbon nanotube of claim 39, wherein the catalyst is selected to act as both a catalyst for carbon nanotube growth and as a fuel cell catalyst.

43. (New) The branched carbon nanotube of claim 37, wherein at least two branch portions are symmetrical to one another around the main axis.

44. (New) The branched carbon nanotube of claim 37, wherein the main axis portion extends in a straight line without deviation between both terminal ends of the main axis portion.

45. (New) A branched carbon nanotube comprising:
a straight main axis portion with two or more branch portions
emanating from the straight main axis portion.